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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as indicated hereafter. It is believed that the following amendments and additions add no new matter to the present application.

In the Specification: [Use strikethrough for deleted matter and underlined for added matter.]

Please amend the paragraph starting on p. 6, line 26 as follows:

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The transfer apparatus 10 here is substantially shown with a <u>vertical</u> rotation axis <u>along shaft</u> 13 and a transfer wheel 12, on which the carcass holders 11 are supported to rotate along in the direction B.

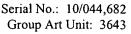
Please amend the paragraph starting on p. 7, line 17 as follows:

In the example of the figures sixteen holders 11 are rotatably supported on the transfer wheel 12. It here regards fifteen identical holders 11b and one different holder 11a, shown in figures 6B and 6A, respectively. The holder 11a comprises a vertical axis central shaft 20a, which by means of bearings 23a is rotatably bearing mounted in the transfer wheel 12. As can be seen in figure 5, the transfer wheel 12 is connected to the axis shaft 13 in a rotatably fixed manner. In its turn said axis shaft 13 is connected to a disc 14 in a rotatably fixed manner, which disc 14 at its circumference is provided with a toothing 15. Via said toothing 15 the axis shaft 13 is driven, for instance by coupling to one or both drives of the overhead conveyor, possible through the intermediary of synchronisation means.

Please amend the paragraph starting on p. 7, line 29 as follows:



On the axis shaft 13 there furthermore is a chain wheel 18, that is relatively rotatable with respect to the axis shaft 13, but which is stopped from rotating by a means that is not further shown. On the holder 11a, particularly at the upper end of the axis central shaft 20a, a chain wheel 16 is attached in a rotatably fixed manner, a chain 27 17 running around the chain wheels 6 16 and 18, as can be seen in figure 5. A chain tensioner 19 (also see figure 2) is provided here for keeping





the chain 17 at the right tension. The chain transfer 15 with chain wheel 16 and chain 17, and also chain tensioner 19, are shielded to the outside and upwards by means of a hood 26, as can also be seen in figure 3.

Please amend the paragraph starting on p. 8, line 8 as follows:

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Below the chain wheel 16 a toothed wheel 24 a is attached to the axis central shaft 20a in an also rotatably fixed manner. Said toothed wheel 24a is meshed with a toothing 25a at the circumference of a large central toothed wheel 25 (also see figure 3), which central toothed wheel 25 is coaxial with and freely rotatable with respect to the axis shaft 13.

Please amend the paragraph starting on p. 8, line 21 as follows:



When the disc 14 and thus the axis shaft 13 is rotated in the direction B, the transfer wheel 12 will also rotate along. In that way also the holders 11a, 11b are taken along in rotation. As a result the chain wheel 16 is taken along as well, by the holder 11a. Because the chain wheel 16 is connected to the chain wheel 18 via chain 17, and said chain wheel 18 does not rotate along, the chain wheel 16 will counter rotate in the direction D (also see figure 1A). Because the diameters of the chain wheels 16 and 18 are equal, the spacial orientation of the holder 11a will not change during rotation of the transfer wheel 12.

Please amend the paragraph starting on p. 9, line 24 as follows:



The hanger 21 is attached to the lower end of the axis shaft 20, in a rotatably fixed manner. The hanger comprises an inverted U-shaped shackle 27, at the lower ends of which narrow horizontal plates 30 are fixedly attached. At the insertion end the narrow plates 30 have been provided with inclined upwardly extending ends 33, and at the discharge side with flat ends 34.

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Please amend the paragraph starting on p. 9, line 30 as follows:

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In the middle a rod 28 extends downwards from the axis central shaft 20 which is fixedly attached to it, at the lower end of which rod a plate 29 is fixedly attached, which also at the insertion side is turned upwardly inclined with portions 32 and at the discharge end has a flat end member 35.

In the Drawings:

Please replace drawing sheet 4 (showing Fig. 5) with the newly-submitted figure attached herewith on separate sheet.